

CONGRESSIONAL

PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH HOUSES.
Table Buildings at State Capitals—Passage of the Post-Office Appropriation Bill by the Senate—The Calendar in the House.

The Chair submitted a joint resolution of the two legislatures asking Congress to amend the act donating public lands to the States and Territories which provide colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts, and to appropriate a sum of \$100,000 from the fund derived from sales on real estate securities, &c. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pendleton, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported with amendment the Senate bill for the relief of the captain, owners, officers, and crew of the late United States private-armed brig General Armstrong.

Mr. Julian, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to regulate the fisheries.

To amend section 234 of Revised Statutes concerning the use of pens and cribs in the Mississippi River between New Orleans and the mouth of the Mississippi between Louisiana and Wisconsin. Also appropriating \$100,000 for continuing the work of Davis Island dam in the Ohio River.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, the bill was taken up and passed.

The Committee on Finance, from the Consumers' Committee an original joint resolution, predicting upon a communication from the Secretary of State, authorized the Government of the United States to enter into negotiations with the Government of the Netherlands to take part in a general colonial and export trade exposition to be held in Amsterdam in 1883, and to appropriate \$100,000 for its representation. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Anthony reported a resolution from the Foreign Committee for the printing of the names of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Logan, from the Military Committee, reported adversely the Senate bill for the payment of field nurses during the war. Indefinitely postponed.

Resolutions were offered.

Mr. Smith, from the Secretary of the Navy, for the estimation of the cost of increasing the depth of the main ship channel of Providence River and harbor to twenty-five feet, with three hundred thousand dollars, to be expended out of the amount to be expended on ship improvement during the present fiscal year. Adopted.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Friends and Freedmen, for the appropriation of \$100,000 to William Pitt Kellogg in reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in defense of their titles to seats. Placed on the calendar.

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The order of resolutions was first taken up, and the introduction by Mr. Hoar, against the introduction of the currency bill, with the number were passed. Among these was the following:

The senate, being apparently indisposed to take action upon any of the resolutions, then took up the introduction of the currency bill, with the number were passed. Among these was the following:

To prohibit the selling of advertising lottery tickets. D. C. On motion of Mr. Hoar, of the Committee of the sufferers by the loss of the Government of the United States to amend section 1682 of the act of March 3, 1863, so as to make the Minister of the United States accredited to Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Salvador, and Nicaragua, a read Extradite Extraordinary and Ministerial Plenipotentiary.

Mr. Windsor explained that the object was merely to secure a higher grade, and that this would be an advantage over existing circuits.

Under a special arrangement suggested by Mr. Morgan, the Post-Office Department made arrangements for public buildings at State capitals, and bills were passed providing for public buildings in the cities of Augusta, Ga., Columbia, S. C., Franklin, Ky., Jefferson City, Mo., and Montpelier, Vt. The following also passed. To provide an adjacent to the custom-house, in Portland, and adjacent to the custom-house, an erection of a suitable building for a post-office internal revenue, and other Government offices, in Maine. In Maine a post office building for the use of the United States postmaster, and other Government offices in Carson City, Nev.

Upon the conclusion of the morning business, the committee on Friends and Freedmen, who had temporarily laid aside, by unanimous consent, to proceed with the Post-Office appropriation bill, voted to read Extradite Extraordinary and Ministerial Plenipotentiary.

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